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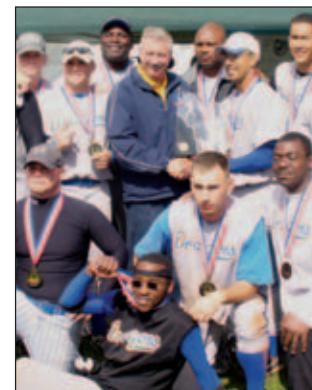
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Time running out for school registration

All students must be
re-enrolled annually

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The first day of school is Aug. 29, and although many parents registered their children before the summer break, those who did not, as well as newcomers to Grafenwoehr, Vilseck and Hohenfels, should do so immediately.

School registration is a yearly requirement for every child in Department of Defense Dependents Schools—Europe. This DoD regulation assures that each student is continually eligible to attend. Moreover, present and projected enrollment figures determine funding and hiring.

Descriptions of eligibility and registration, along with the mandatory forms, are on the DoDDS-E Web site at www.eu.dodea.edu/enroll.htm. Some paperwork may be prepared in advance, but all parents must visit their children's schools to complete the process. Staffs can provide information about necessary documentation. Visit www.eu.dodea.edu/schoolregister.htm for more details.

Schools in Grafenwoehr and Vilseck open Aug. 29, though parents should check with their local offices, as some students will not go back until Aug. 30.

Classes at Hohenfels Elementary School start Aug. 29. On that day, the high school there will hold an orientation for ninth- to 12th-graders. Seventh- and eighth-graders will not begin on this day; they will have a separate orientation Aug. 30, when freshmen through senior classes will not attend. All will return Aug. 31 for normal classroom instruction.

Kindergartners in the three communities will begin Sept. 6.

Local school liaison officers have applications for Sure Start (a preschool program for 4-year-olds in Vilseck and Hohenfels) and choice forms required for parents of children who will begin home-schooling or attend a German *Schule*.

Families should also apply for free and reduced-price meals by Aug. 22, as this too must be done every year. SLOs have these applications as well; contact Steve Vojtecky, 475-1770 or steve.vojtecky@us.army.mil, or Michele Wolff, 466-2783 or michele.wolff@us.army.mil.



Photo by Alice Adler

Pet I left behind me

As the summer moving season rolls on, some Soldiers seem to think abandoning their animals is the final solution. For 3rd Brigade troops, however, one nonprofit agency in the town of Vilseck stands ready to help those departing find loving owners for their dogs. See complete story on page 4.

Q&A

Closures and curtailed hours at local eateries have led some customers to complain of monotony. 'Training Times' went inside a food court to find out, "What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?"



Will Duvall
"Either chocolate-covered ants or fried worms"



Jimmy Rand
"Squid rings"



Hawa Stephens
"Duck"



Daisy Maurya-Smith
"Octopus soup in Hong Kong"



Jimmy Armstrong
"Dog"

Interviews and photos by Alice Adler

'Bell sends'

New FRGs virtual, readiness real

BY GEN. B.B. BELL
U.S. ARMY EUROPE AND 7TH ARMY COMMANDER

To support our Soldiers and their families better, U.S. Army Europe will soon begin fielding virtual family readiness groups in the European theater. Those of deploying units will receive the highest priority, and other FRGs will be fielded starting in early fiscal year 2006.

A vFRG is more than a Web site; it is an innovative system of sites that virtually incorporates all major components of a standard support group. These Web systems may be tailored to meet the needs of each unit and display policy set by the commander.

The new vFRGs will also accomplish the following:

- Include real-time communication features;
- Enable units and FRGs to maintain different types of data and reports;
- Allow parent units to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and family members across the Army, including the families of augmentees within the continental United States;
- Provide a means for spouses and children to establish friendships and bond with other

Army family members, despite their location;

- Duplicate what routinely occurs when someone goes to a unit orderly room for help, or when a commander brings his

Soldiers together for update briefings or town hall meetings; and

- Help prevent speculation and rumors by providing official information. The information posted on virtual FRGs

will come directly from the unit, and families can depend on its being timely, accurate and relevant.

The USAREUR G1 is working to obtain the administrative information that units will need to get their portals up and running. Key actions include portal setup, as well as a site review and authorization by the unit commander to release a portal for the unit vFRG.

In addition, two-day on-site training sessions will soon be conducted for Army in Europe

communities and key unit vFRG personnel (for example, the unit commander or staff representative, the FRG leader, the family readiness liaison and support assistant, and the rear detachment

commander). When these actions have been completed, Soldiers and their families can begin registering to become members of their unit vFRG.

More information on vFRGs is available at

www.armyfrg.org. I strongly encourage leaders to take advantage of this Web system. During these times of high operational tempo, vFRGs will not only enable us to provide better support to families based in Europe, but they will help us support family members all over the world.

By providing this increased level of support for our Soldiers and their families, vFRGs will help us continue to execute with excellence any mission, anywhere.

The information posted on virtual FRGs will come directly from the unit, and families can depend on its being timely, accurate and relevant.

HISSES

AND

HURRAHS

Hurrah to everyone, Germans and Americans, who stopped to help my husband when he had car trouble. During a seemingly endless wait for ADAC, he was offered various forms of assistance, and one group managed to make him laugh when a passenger leaned out of the window to observe, "Hey, man, you look as if you could use a Red Bull!"

Elizabeth Harris
Vilseck

Hiss to the U.S. Army for its failure to show up at this year's Grafenwoehr German-American Volksfest Aug. 5 to 7. The Bundeswehr was conspicuous by its impressive equipment display, while on the other hand, the only U.S. Army vehicles were two M151 jeeps and an old ambu-

lance, all POVs – and owned by Germans. Given the significance of this year's fest, part of the 95-60-50 anniversaries – one would think that we could have displayed at least a Hummer.

Lt. Col. Gary Brown, chaplain
Grafenwoehr

Hurrah to those exceptional Hohenfels summer hires who were awarded coins by Lt. Col. James Matheson, 282nd Base Support Battalion commander, during a ceremony Aug. 4 at the Community Activities Center: Matt Apodaca, 282nd BSB; Alexander Elliot, commissary; Charlotte Hatch, library; Chelsea Hodges, Equal Employment Opportunity; Christina Holly, Combat Maneuver Training Center; Brittani Lowe, 282nd BSB; Lauren Mitchell,

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; Emily Mittag, library; Brittany Murrell, CMT; Alex Orona, elementary school; Christopher Redmond, elementary school; Michael Tillberg, Viper Team; Brianna Tolbert, health clinic; and Samantha Wagberman and Kristi-Rene Welch, Army Education Center.

Ed.

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JMTC, 7th ATC pass to Perkins

BY KATHY JORDAN

TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling relinquished command of the Joint Multinational Training Center and 7th Army Training Command to Col. David Perkins on the parade field in Grafenwoehr Aug. 4.

Having arrived in September, Hertling and his wife, Sue, moved to Heidelberg, where he will be the deputy chief of staff of operations at U.S. Army Europe Headquarters.

Of his 11 months in southern Germany, he remarked, "This is now one of the many places the Hertlings can look back on and say, 'That was our home.' The

Free State of Bavaria is also now our state of mind."

Hertling also praised the installation and the personnel who were working to transform it.

"Accomplishments are reflected by the new signs that are going up all over this place," he pointed out. Explaining the new name, he added, "We train Soldiers and sergeants and leaders and three-star headquarters, here and in other places, in a joint and multinational environment.

"We train for combat with our allies — the allies of many other nations, including Iraq — to ensure in this demanding time, in this place of extremism and savagery and inhumanity by a very small minority of people, that the great majority of freedom-loving people retain their dignity."

Lauding this expanded focus

and the exercises that put it in play, Gen. B.B. Bell, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army commander, who had come for the ceremony, said afterward, "It's phenomenal. I just left here after two and a half weeks of training V Corps, and I saw the goodness of this place at work every day. ... Every time I come down here, I feel better about our nation and our Army."

Hertling said he looked forward to his new assignment. "The

USAREUR G3 touches everything, to include the training, the deployments and, most importantly, the transformation," he said. "Over the last couple of years, General Bell has established a vision, and

now we are getting into the time frame where that vision is being executed. Now all the diamonds have to be polished, and I get to help them do that."

His wife spoke admiringly of the spouses she had come to know within the 100th Area Support Group footprint. "Especially right now when ... so many families are feeling the pain of separation because of the deployments, it's even more important than ever to cling to each other and support each other, and the ladies here are great at doing that," Mrs. Hertling concluded. "They have really been an inspiration."

According to the out-going commander, his successor was "the right guy at the right time."

In his speech, Perkins touched on a range of topics, from the Army's transformation to its role

in the global arena.

"One of the great benefits of coming back here especially is to work with our German friends," he said. "The JMTC means we are starting to change some of the focus in not only training American forces, but we train Bulgarians, Romanians, Russians and Iraqis. ... It is a different set of skills that we are developing here to be able to export that training."

Perkins was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1980 and took his commission as an armor officer. His first assignment was with 1-13 Armor, 1st Armored Division, which he served as tank platoon leader, tank company executive officer, battalion maintenance officer and tank company commander.

After the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor before returning to West Point as a teacher of that subject.

Perkins attended Command and General Staff College and was assigned to Fort Carson, Colo., where he was assistant G3 for operations, tank battalion operations officer (S3) and deputy chief of staff for the 4th Infantry Division.

He then moved to Washington, D.C., to become special assistant to the Speaker of the House.

Next, Perkins took command of 1-63 Armor, 1st Infantry Division, leading the battalion as it deployed to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as Task Force Able Sentry.

After taking his master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College at Newport, R.I., he was reassigned to 1st ID, which he served as G3. During his time with the division, it was the first unit into Kosovo as Task Force Falcon.



Photo by Kathy Jordan

Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling (right) passes the guidon of the Joint Multinational Training Center and 7th Army Training Command to Col. David Perkins during the change of command Aug. 4.

Upon his return to the United States, Perkins took command of 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, which deployed to Kuwait in September 2002 and attacked Iraq on March 21, 2003, ending this offensive with an armored assault on Baghdad April 7.

Most recently, he served as executive assistant to the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Perkins' awards and decorations include the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal,

the Legion of Merit with one oak-leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak-leaf cluster and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak-leaf clusters.

He and his wife, Ginger, have two children: Cassandra will be a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire at Durham in the fall, and Chad will enter Vilseck High School as a 10th-grade student this month.

In brief

Ditching POV forbidden

Failure to dispose of a privately owned vehicle before you leave Germany will mean you can be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It is also against German law.

Anyone who opts not to ship his vehicle at the government's expense must do one of the following:

- ☞ Sell or give it away (phone military customs, 476-2105 or 466-2012, for more information about selling to a non-ID cardholder);
- ☞ Donate it to the local Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund (call Auto Crafts Centers – 476-2521, 475-6239 or 466-2690 – for details);

☞ Appoint someone else to sell the vehicle by having a special power of attorney done at the field registration station;

☞ Take it to a local junkyard after going through customs; or

☞ Have the Directorate of Logistics dispose of it at no charge.

Call your vehicle registration office at 475-7254, 476-2626 or 466-2842 for more information.

Closures

- With the exception of Sixt Car Rental, all Army and Air Force Exchange Service concessions in Vilseck, including the florist, the photo shop, Goldvitrine, beauty

and barber shops, TKS, the optical shop, Swords and Names, alterations, the framing shop, L/DC and New Car Sales are now closed on Mondays.

- Effective immediately, the AAFES Car Care Center in Vilseck will be closed weekends and German holidays; weekday hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Grafenwoehr Health Clinic will be closed Aug. 26 for an organizational day.
- Detachment D, 38th Personnel Services Battalion, will be minimally staffed Aug. 26 for the unit's change of command. Only ID card sections, passport and

SOFA offices, in- and out-processing centers – building 700 on Vilseck, 244 in Grafenwoehr and 10 in Hohenfels – and post offices (which will have a reduced number of clerks available) will be open.

- Because of road construction, gate 5 will be closed Aug. 22 to 26; in- and outbound traffic to Johnson Street should use the new gate 3.
- Gate 9 on the Tanzfleck access road will close Aug. 29 until Sept. 3. During this time, gate 7 at the tank trail railhead will be open to inbound traffic only. Drivers may also enter and exit through gate 6.

Writers wanted

The *Training Times* is seeking writer/editors.

Applicants for these nonpersonal services contract positions should be able to work 20 to 40 hours per week. Excellent writing skills are required, and experience in digital photography and desktop-publishing programs, such as Pagemaker or Quark XPress, would be ideal.

Those interested should e-mail a resumé, accompanied by a cover letter and three writing samples, to Kathy Gibbs, USAG-Grafenwoehr public affairs officer, at kathleen.gibbs@graf.eur.army.mil.

'So many humane options!'

Desertion dastardly to man's best friend

BY ULRIKE ENLOW

FRANZ VON ASSISI HUNDENOTHILFE

With so many Soldiers and families returning to the United States or moving elsewhere in Europe, a nonprofit animal welfare organization in Vilseck is making an effort to find new homes for dogs that would otherwise end up in the German kennel, or – far worse – be abandoned.

Named after Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, *Franz von Assisi Hundenoithilfe* has as its primary focus the rampant problem of strays in Spain. To prevent their being euthanized in Spanish kennels, the program has dogs immunized, microchipped, and tested for leishmaniasis, heartworms and ehrlichiosis in Spain, before they are flown to Germany. Here they stay in foster homes until permanent owners can be found. This allows the dogs time to become reintegrated and to exhibit their needs, likes and dislikes, so that they may be matched to families.

Franz von Assisi Hundenoithilfe advertises dogs on its Internet site and several others that deal strictly with finding them homes. Newspaper ads in the local area and

as far away as Frankfurt also help to locate people looking for pets.

Once someone shows interest in adoption, a conversation will determine whether the desired dog will fit his (or his family's) schedule. If this interview goes well, a person from the organization will visit the potential new owners to ensure that their home is suitable. A network of animal-protection activists throughout Germany makes this possible, even if the applicants live hundreds of miles away.

After a successful checkup, the people may come to visit the dog and, if all get along, the new owners will sign a contract, stating that their new pet will become part of the family, rather than chained in the yard or similarly maltreated. This agreement also binds them to keep the dog in their possession; if they are ever unable to do so for any reason, they must return it to the organization. Thus, *Franz von Assisi Hundenoithilfe* can keep track of the dogs they have placed and make certain that none of them ever ends up in a kennel or an unsuitable home. Only after signing this contract may the new owners take their pet with them.

After the dog has moved in with its family, someone from the organization will stop by again to see that all are happy and no problems have developed.

Any departing Soldier who feels he cannot take his dog along may make arrangements at *Franz von Assisi Hundenoithilfe*, which will find a foster home until a permanent family has been chosen. One who is not leaving immediately may instead keep his pet with him, while the staff searches for a new home.

Alternatively, the organization can locate temporary lodgings for the dog, if the current owner only needs to place it until he is set up at his new duty station.

The staff can also bridge language barriers with German veterinarians.

Finally, although *Franz von Assisi Hundenoithilfe* is a canine program, it works with an organization in Munich that will accept cats if vaccinations are current.

So many humane options exist! Please be kind to the animal that has come to depend on you. Pets should never be deserted.

Franz von Assisi Hundenoithilfe is located at Josef-Kopf-Str. 8 in Vilseck.

To learn more, log on to www.hunde-ohne-lobby.de. For assistance, call 09662-701990 weekdays after 6 p.m. or weekends, or 0171-2107222 (mobile) after 4 p.m.



Photo by Alice Adler

A happy dog is a credit to its owner.



Photo by Alice Adler

Take a flight out of crime

Zach Al-Azzawi sits in the cockpit of a *Polizei* helicopter under the tutelage of officer Reinhold Knoer, as his father, Karim, looks on. The opportunity was part of Hohenfels' National Night Out Aug. 4. Sponsored each year by the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program, or SNAP, the evening taught citizens how to prevent crime in their communities while offering them free food, music and a number of activities for children. Grafenwoehr will hold its SNAP Night Out Aug. 24 on the parade field, and the Vilseck event will be at Little Mike Lake Aug. 26. Both will run from 4 to 7 and feature police dog demonstrations, as well as visits by McGruff and the Neighborhood Knight, program mascot.

Soldiers must go it alone for 'Fear Factor'

The Department of Defense announced earlier this month that it would play no part in a military version of the NBC reality-television program *Fear Factor*.

The July 5 edition of *Training Times* included a Web site with information about casting, and *Stars and Stripes* published a piece soliciting contestants as well.

Although Soldiers are not prohibited from

participating, they must take leave to do so. They may not wear their uniforms at any time or allow a production company to film them on a military post, whether at work or at home.

Any Soldier chosen for *Military Fear Factor* should also consult with his installation ethics counselor beforehand about which prizes he may properly accept.

Local schools shoot for safer Web surfing

BY KATHY JORDAN

TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Because 48 million youths ages 5 to 17 use the Internet, local schools, as well as others in the Department of Defense Education Activity, have joined i-Safe America to teach parents and students about cyber-safety at home and in the classroom.

Founded in 1998, i-Safe America, Inc., is a nonprofit organization designated by Congress to provide free education to Web users, from kindergartners to seniors. In 2003, Congress increased its financial support to i-SAFE America, awarding it a grant of \$5 million to continue its work and expand the Safe School education initiative and outreach campaign to every state during that school year. Another \$1 million was appropriated to bring the program to DoDEA students.

Last year, Congress awarded i-Safe a \$2 million COPS, or "Community Oriented Policing Services," Grant.

Now i-Safe has its own colorful Web site, where television celebrities, including Kelsey Grammer, star of *Frasier*, and George Stults of *7th Heaven*; Jeff Garcia, quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers; and motion-picture actor Rob Schneider make appearances via video. True-and-false quizzes, "e-zines," clubs, and safe chat rooms are a few of the features, and additional materials can be ordered there as well.

The purpose of i-Safe is to make people aware of how they can be victimized in cyberspace and teach them to use computers responsibly, take control of online

experiences, and recognize and avoid anything inappropriate or unlawful.

Web-based crimes can range from identity theft and fraud to child molestation. According to a survey, one in five children who used chat rooms had been approached by pedophiles, usually through instant messaging. More than three-quarters of them were 14 or older.

The i-Safe program helps parents and students understand how cyber-predators operate. They can be male or female and of any age. Most use a process called "grooming," in which they start with what seems to be innocent conversation before progressing to instant messages and private e-mail. Frequently, these criminals pose as sympathetic friends who share their victims' points of view.

Through i-Safe, children learn which information they should and shouldn't give out over the Internet. Some things that can stop a cyber-predator are using a gender-neutral, nondescriptive name and not revealing age. Watch what you say in chat rooms, check out privacy policies before signing up with an Internet service provider, and don't give out your real name or phone number.

Children who find themselves in a threatening situation online should tell their parents. They, in turn, should report instances of harassment to their ISP and tell their local law-enforcement agency of online stalkers.

For more information about the program, log on to www.i-safe.org.

New library stacking up as 'meeting place' for all

BY KATHY JORDAN
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

The Grafenwoehr Library will open in its new location Aug. 23. With three stories, building 445 — across from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Car Care Center and beside the health clinic — will provide more room and greater variety for patrons.

According to librarian Conny Camerer, moving into the new space had been an opportunity to allot sections for specific uses, such as a soundproofed place for little ones to read and play while their parents relax on a sofa out of earshot — but not out of sight.

"The children's area will be enclosed with glass, so we can close the door and let the children make all the noise they want in there," she said. "The moms and dads can sit outside the room and read a newspaper ... or magazines while their children either take part in an educational program or read a book. They will be able to see the children at all times through the glass windows."

On the subject of periodicals, Grafenwoehr will become one of the few libraries that will allow people to borrow these.

"You will be able to check out magazines here, because we will have bar codes on them," Camerer explained. "Other libraries may not let you check them out, but you will be able to here."

Given their proximity to the medical clinic, she has also planned a "patient education center. ... Our information is more along consumer guidelines. We will have books dealing with depression, low-back pain, asthma, diabetes, smoking cessation and other subjects. People will have complete privacy; there will be two computers in the room, which will be next to the computer lab. They can research their health questions there in privacy and not

worry about someone looking over their shoulder."

Another area has been set aside for military personnel and family members to use for gatherings at no charge, and more space is available upstairs.

"We will have classrooms on the third floor specifically for use by visiting troops that come here for unit training," she said, adding, "It will also be available for quilting bees, book clubs, family readiness group meetings or other groups for free."

Indeed, Camerer wants everyone to gain a familiarity with the facility and come to feel comfortable there. "We want to keep that small-town American feeling for our patrons," she began. "Public libraries are a community meeting place and a place you can gain knowledge. You can meet lots of people in the library. It's a wonderful opportunity ... That's our goal here: We want people to think of us as a family/community meeting center."

Camerer's keenness to include everyone has also resulted in a section devoted to those in the Exceptional Family Member Program — another first.

"We will have resources available for them to see," she said, "and we also have an order out to get more information for their use."

Part of the renovation-and-expansion project known as Efficient Basing—Grafenwoehr, the library's move is one of many quality-of-life improvements to accommodate new Soldiers and those who will accompany them.

Nevertheless, as she strives to keep in step with modern media centers, Camerer has one foot firmly planted in a more traditional past.

"We want to preserve a family-type environment," she said, "even though we are growing constantly in size."

In brief

Suffrage celebration

Hohenfels will mark the 85th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, with Women's Equality Day.

A luncheon is set for Aug. 26, 11:30 to 1, at the 282nd Base Support Battalion Dining Facility. The cost to attend is \$3.50 or \$3 for family members of ranks E-4 and below. Maj. Gail Porter, deputy chaplain, will speak during

the event.

For more details, call the Equal Opportunity office at 466-2440.

Financial aid

Spouses who wish to receive scholarships at an Army Education Center for the second term must submit their applications by Sept. 19.

Call your local Army Community Service office, 476-2650 or 466-4860, for more information.



Playing it cool

Jessie Cabredo, lead singer for 5 Tone Vibes, performs at the 100th Area Support Group Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow, staged at the Hohenfels Community Activities Center July 30. He and his group, composed of bassist Pfc. Ryan Williams, lead guitarist Master Sgt. Fred Velez, drummer Spec. Kevin Grabowski and guitarist Pfc. Kevin Taylor, will compete at the Installation Management Agency-Europe level Aug. 20 and 21 at the Katterbach Fitness Center in Ansbach. Also advancing will be Amanda Atchley, Sgt. Britt Boyer, Shanine Cabredo, Jamie Lee Cox, Haley Fortner, Pfc. Phillip Gomez, Daniel Haynes, Yani Jones, Spec. Steve Lemire and Ralph "Sam" Samuels.

Photo by Spec. Daevid Brown

Moving PCs: a user's manual

GRAFENWOEHR LAW CENTER

Personal computers have become commonplace. More than half of all American households owned one, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures, compiled in 2001, and that number has skyrocketed. At some point then, you will most likely have to turn yours over to a moving company. If the computer does not work afterward, will the Army claims office compensate you for that loss?

Computers are complex electronic devices and do not last forever: Parts wear out, connections loosen, and circuits burn up. Disks and disk drives develop faulty sectors over time. Sometimes, internal problems may be attributed to rough handling in a move, but often they are due to inadequate maintenance or defective components. Temperature fluctuations, humidity, static electricity, power surges and airborne contaminants, such as dust and cigarette smoke, can all have an impact.

The repeated expansion (and contraction) of components is a major source of problems; unfortunately, the greatest expansion problems are caused by simply turning the computer on and off. This abrupt change in

temperature puts stress on internal parts, and those of marginal quality often break when the system is switched on. Because computers are left off for long periods during transit, while they may also be subjected to outside climatic extremes, shipment is often the last straw. When they are first flicked on after being unpacked, chips stop working, and inexpensive models refuse to boot.

These problems are particularly difficult to identify, for few repairmen can open a hard drive to examine it. They will usually discard one that does not work after they have reformatted it. Accordingly, without knowing the cause of the damage, proving that rough handling in shipment ruined a hard drive is complicated.

Claims for internal malfunctions cannot be paid unless sufficient evidence of mishandling exists. A written evaluation from a reliable repair firm is essential in deciding whether a loss for a system is compensable. The claims examiner will consider the type of hard drive too, as well as whether reformatting was attempted and whether the drive automatically "parks the heads" whenever it is turned off. The mere fact that the computer worked prior to shipment is not sufficient grounds

for payment.

When filing a claim for a computer that was damaged or lost in shipment, bear in mind that the Army regulation authorizes payment for fair market value at the time of the loss, not for the purchase price. Given the rate at which systems now become obsolete, these two figures may differ significantly.

For example, in January 2002 a claimant bought a personal computer for \$3,000. It was destroyed during his move to Germany in June 2004, when the verifiable replacement cost was \$2,500. Had he delayed in securing an estimate and waited until now to file his claim, the verifiable replacement cost might have fallen to as little as \$1,800. In cases such as these, unless the claims office could accurately determine the replacement cost as of June 2004 — difficult, if not impossible, in a rapidly changing market after a year's lapse — the claimant would receive \$1,800.

If you suffer property loss or damage that may be compensable by the Army, contact your local claims office promptly. Phone the Grafenwoehr Law Center at 475-8428, the Hohenfels Law Center at 466-2401 or the Vilseck Law Center at 476-2240.

GREENSKEEPERS

Behind every great training exercise is a great training area

BY KATHY JORDAN
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Over the past two decades, Integrated Training Area Management has trod the sometimes tricky path between environmental conservation and cooperation with military objectives. Established in 1985 to manage training areas and thus save the Army the cost of frequent fines, ITAM has been so successful that, according to program manager Nate Whelan, “We rarely have noncompliance issues, and that’s been a big movement forward.”

“It’s moved in a broader sense from reacting to these disasters that were taking place ... and now we are kind of proactively doing the right thing environmentally,” he said.

ITAM is one of two prongs in the Army’s Sustainable Range Program, but while its partner focuses on the ranges, ITAM deals with the wide-open maneuver space that surrounds them.

“In a nutshell, our mission is to make sure we have long-term sustainability,” said Whelan.

At the same time, they must help the military accomplish its mission by supporting its exercises with realistic settings.

“If someone says, ‘We need to simulate Autobahn 9, and we need to have it run through the training area, and we need traffic circles here, here and here,’ well, we’ve got to make that happen,” he explained. “If they need it for training, then we have to build those traffic circles.”

He cited the Hohenfels caves as an example. Created to resemble the terrain in Afghanistan when troops from U.S. Army Europe began deploying there in greater numbers, the four underground complexes were finished in October — the result of a massive construction project completed in under four months.

Less earth-shattering improvements have included reseeded areas, taking aerial photographs, damming water sources to catch sediment and spraying calcium chloride on roads to keep down the dust.

Much of ITAM’s work goes unnoticed, and that, Whelan said, is how it should be. “The land-rehabilitation program is something that happens in the background. People don’t really see it.”

Their goal is to make certain that training areas remain viable, rotation after rotation.

“When tanks drive over a piece of land many times, you lose the grass, the layer that stabilizes the land,” Whelan began. “When it rains, you will have a lot of water running off, and a lot of the sediment will be carried away, and that’s a problem. We try to minimize that problem.”

These efforts come at a cost: A large-scale erosion project at Hohenfels, for instance, could run from \$100,000 to \$500,000. That expense is preferable to the fines once accrued, however, and so the program has flourished.

“Anywhere the Army trains, typically, you are going to find an ITAM,” Whelan said, adding that those in America followed different guidelines.

“It’s kind of an interesting situation in Europe. In the U.S., it is federal land. ... In Germany, we control the training areas we have controlled since World War II, but we still have land-management responsibilities.”

Indeed, most of ITAM’s work, he said, is done around Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels.

“It’s kind of rare to have an environmental program last for 20 years without interruption,” Whelan mused aloud, attributing their longevity to a supportive chain of command and the Army as a whole. Together, he said, “We are ... educating the users of the training area.”

Editor’s note: Thanks to Caecilia Meier, an environmental protection specialist with the U.S. Army Garrison–Grafenwoehr Directorate of Public Works, for identifying the flowers pictured below and supplying interesting facts about each.



Photos by Alice Adler

Wildflowers native to the Army’s training areas in Bavaria include birdsfoot trefoil, a kind of clover ...



wild carrot (distinguished by the black dot in the center), this head undergoing pollination by a bee ...



and chicory, unusual in that its petals are truly blue.



Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Europe ITAM

Local water sources are monitored and maintained.



ITAM played a part in the project to bring caves like those of the Afghan mountains to Hohenfels last year.



Photos by Alice Adler

Brightly colored buildings from the 1500s, many of which bear sometimes whimsical signs (below), line the streets of Dinkelsbühl. The seven-storied *Deutsches Haus* (right), is now a well-known hotel and restaurant.



Time flies

How else to explain pristinely pretty Dinkelsbühl, from its cheery gables to its formidable ramparts?

BY ALICE ADLER
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

When thinking of Germany, one envisions colorful half-timbered houses, big stone churches and picturesque walled cities. Rothenburg ob der Tauber is an example of the image that inhabits people's minds, but because this is such a popular destination, some find its crowded streets and touristy shops a distraction and long to find a quieter example of their ideal. For them, a trip down the Romantic Road to the quaint hamlet of Dinkelsbühl is in order. Surrounded by an unbroken

medieval wall punctuated by 16 towers, Dinkelsbühl is the sort of German town that tourists hope still exists. The half-timbered architecture, cobblestoned streets, meandering river and tranquil lakes lend an air of *über*-reality to this charming little town. Among its primary appeals are the brightly painted 16th-century houses lining narrow streets. Strolling through them, visitors may imagine that they have traveled back in time as they gaze at the wrought-iron signs and wonderfully preserved buildings.

At the center of town in the

market square, known as the *Weinmarkt*, stands one of southern Germany's grandest late-Gothic churches, the *Georgenkirche*. St. George's magnificent Romanesque tower and beautifully fan-vaulted ceiling are often overshadowed by its most famous occupant: the jewel-and-lace-clad bones of St. Aurelius. Beheaded by the Roman emperor Nero in A.D. 64 for his faith, the martyr's body — long reunited with its pate — now lies in a glass coffin inside the church. Less ghoulish sights include glorious altarpieces, some of which date from the late-1400s, and the handsome doors with their original 15th-century hardware.

A perfect visit to Dinkelsbühl would encompass a walk around the walls. A complete turn, circling the city and taking in all of its towers, will last about an hour. Many points along the way afford splendid views of several towers simultaneously. One of four imposing gates, the *Nördlinger Tor* houses the unusual Museum of the Third Dimension, which features numerous mind-bending exhibits, such as holographs and 3-D displays.

For a special treat, stay late to join the night watchman on his free 9 p.m. tour of the town, every evening from Easter through October and Saturdays beginning in November (log on to www.dinkelsbuehl.de for details in English). Do not be discouraged that he speaks only German, for following a costumed guide through the darkening streets of this fairy-tale city is an enchanting experience that requires no narration.



Automobiles do little to detract from this medieval town (above) or the wall encircling it (left), both unmarred by centuries of war.

German culture 101

Guide to dining in 'Deutschland'

BY MARTINA BIAS

SPECIAL TO TRAINING TIMES

Americans hear of schnitzel, bratwurst and apple strudel whether they ever cross the Atlantic, and German beer has a reputation all its own. These famed foods and beverages make those new to Germany look forward to trying them, but doing so in a local restaurant can be somewhat awkward. Not only is the menu in a foreign language (or often poorly translated English), but many customs are different too.

As you enter a restaurant or *Gasthaus*, literally "guest house," a hostess is unlikely to greet you or show you to your table. You are expected to seat yourself wherever you please, unless there is a card on the table that reads *Reserviert*, or "reserved." Although local laws are becoming slightly tougher, restaurants with smoking and nonsmoking sections are rare. When every table is occupied, Germans frequently join a seated party if there are empty chairs.

Don't be surprised to find a dog lying under a table. In Germany, your four-legged friend is welcome at most eateries. Some people go so far as to order special meals.

Complementary ice water is not something you will find in a German restaurant, and the concept of free refills is also unknown. *Mineralwasser* is, of course, bottled and usually sparkling or carbonated. If the restaurant is familiar with Americans, you



Photo by Cara Matlock

A German family takes advantage of fair weather to eat in the garden of a local restaurant. The father's wrists rest on the table, so that they remain in view throughout the meal, and the little boy holds his knife and fork in either hand.

might be able to get tap water, but either way, you will in all likelihood be charged.

Ice is not automatically included, not even in the summer, and if you request it, you will probably receive just a few cubes. This is perhaps rooted in the widespread belief among Germans that ice-cold beverages will hurt your stomach. A friend of mine swears he came down with pneumonia after having

a well-chilled drink on vacation.

Beer, on the other hand, is sometimes served tepid, though more often it is at least cool, having been stored in the cellar. My father likes his beer so much warmer than room temperature that when he visited us in Texas, we kept his supply in our garage — well away from air-conditioning.

When you order your meal, be aware that

Germans tend to serve very generous portions. Many restaurants have a children's menu, and others will allow you to order an item as a *Kinderteller*, or "child's plate." Ordering a side dish, such as *Pommes Frites* ("french fries") or *Spaetzle mit Sosse* ("German noodles with sauce") for little ones is another possibility.

Not all local restaurants serve the salad first, as Germans prefer to eat it alongside their main course as a side dish. The menu will commonly read "*gemischter Salat*," or "mixed salad," and you will not be asked which salad dressing you prefer. Customarily, the salad plate will feature carrots, cucumbers, green beans, cabbage or celery root, and lettuce marinated in a house vinaigrette or creamy dressing.

When Germans eat out, they always use knives and forks — even for pizza — and hold these utensils throughout the meal. To do otherwise would be deemed slouching, for German children are taught to keep both hands in view at the table. If only one is needed, as while eating soup, for example, the wrist, rather than the elbow, should rest on the edge of the table.

Local waitresses are trained not to remove a plate that has food on it unless the knife and the fork have been laid parallel to each other. Crossing your utensils means that you have not finished.

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Cupcakes children's delight in any language

BY MARTINA BIAS

SPECIAL TO TRAINING TIMES

The start of school is two weeks away, and with it comes the time for sending treats to classroom parties or tucking them into lunchboxes. Cupcakes are always welcome additions, even in Germany, where they are called *kleine Kuchen*, literally "small cakes" (or sometimes "*Kuechle*," depending on the region) and *Toertchen*, or "little tortes."

These versions travel especially well because they are not frosted, but rather dusted with confectioners' sugar or topped with either a homemade icing, melted semisweet chocolate, or *Schokoladenglasur*, a chocolate glaze available in German grocery stores — all of which become firm and smooth. Children love little cakes decorated with small Gummi Bears that have been pressed into the drying glaze.

Like many German baked goods, *Kuchen* are heavier and less sweet than their American counterparts, having the texture and richness of a pound cake. It is also quite normal for them to fall slightly after you remove them from the oven.

The first recipe below is for yellow cakes but includes several variations. Marble them or go all the way and make *Schokoladenkuchen*, or "chocolate cakes." Add miniature chocolate chips for *Schokoladen-Troepfchen-Kuchen* (literally, "chocolate-droplet cakes").

Koenigskuchen, or "king's cakes," are an adult take filled with rum-sodden raisins.

The second is for a nutty flourless torte that may be covered with chocolate or left plain.

You can make either recipe in a loaf or a Bundt pan instead for one big *Kuchen*, but baking times should be lengthened accordingly. *Guten Appetit!*

Kleine Kuchen

2 sticks butter or margarine, softened
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons vanilla extract
4 eggs
1 3/4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder

Confectioners' sugar for dusting or glaze made with confectioners' sugar and water, semisweet chocolate, or purchased *Schokoladenglasur*

Additions

For marbled cakes: 2 tablespoons baking cocoa, 1 tablespoon sugar and 3 tablespoons hot milk mixed into half of batter

Chocolate cakes: 1/4 cup baking cocoa, 2 tablespoons sugar and 6 tablespoons hot milk

Chocolate-chip cakes: 1 cup semisweet mini-morsels

King's cakes: 1 cup raisins soaked in 2 tablespoons rum for 15 minutes

Preheat oven to 325 F. Line muffin tins with 24 paper liners.

In a large mixing bowl, cream softened butter or margarine with sugar, salt and vanilla. Add eggs one at a time while continuing to mix. Combine flour and baking powder and slowly add to butter mixture, beating until smooth.

For marbled or chocolate cakes, mix cocoa powder, hot milk and sugar until smooth before adding to half or all of batter.

Fill cups halfway and bake 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool and sprinkle with confectioners' sugar or top with glaze of your choice.

Nuss Toertchen

1 1/4 sticks (10 tablespoons) butter or margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
3 eggs, separated
3/4 cup unseasoned bread crumbs
1 cup ground hazelnuts
1 teaspoon baking powder

100 grams *Schokoladenglasur* (chocolate glaze), optional

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line muffin tin with 15 paper liners.

In a large mixing bowl, beat butter or margarine with sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks and mix well. Combine bread crumbs, ground nuts and baking powder, and slowly add to first mixture. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form and gently fold into batter.

Fill cups halfway and bake 25 to 30 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

If desired, melt chocolate glaze and spread over cooled cakes.

If you have ever wondered why Germans do certain things, or if you have a favorite German dish and would like to prepare it at home, send your questions and comments to martina.bias@us.army.mil. One of your suggestions could be used for a future column.



File photo by Alice Adler

Kinder adore cupcakes. Enlarge your baking repertoire by trying some German recipes for *kleine Kuchen*.



Inside *Café Stueberl*, or the Cow Café (above), customers chat over cups of coffee, stirring in milk or cream that couldn't be fresher. Meanwhile, the cows below have the Sunday off, but during the week, they are milked daily by dairy employees. Also open on German holidays, the café serves ice cream, milkshakes and big slices of intricately layered cakes. At the other barn, a young girl visits the source of all this bounty (right), as two cows amble up to the gated door. The farm is also home to free-range chickens and a pondful of ducks. It features trails for hikers and bicyclists as well.

Photos by Alice Adler



Dairy made

'Eis' seems far sweeter when seated over cows that supplied the cream

BY ALICE ADLER
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

After the United States, with its 150 channels of television, 24-hour shopping and a mall on every corner, the slower, quieter pace of life in Germany can take some getting used to. Newcomers to this country are often startled to discover that almost everything shuts down on Sundays, for this day is expected to be quiet and relaxed.

Embrace this local tradition by indulging in an afternoon snack at *Café Stueberl*, also known as the Cow Café. A working dairy farm during the week, this unusual place opens on Sunday afternoons and local holidays to offer cream-filled sweets of every kind.

Patrons can check out the milking machines, pasteurizers and tidy stalls, as well as plenty of cows, lolling in the vast open barn and lazily chewing their cud. Best of all, the café upstairs has a giant window that overlooks this scene, so that while you sip a milkshake, you can peer out onto the broad, brown backs of the placid animals below.

The long, narrow room, with its wood beams and comfy booths, has been decorated with a bovine theme. The owners are obviously proud of their charges, having lined their walls with photographs and awards that some have brought home from Bavaria's answer to the county fair.

In addition to an array of fancy ice cream concoctions, the menu boasts a variety of scrumptious cakes. The chocolate-and-cherry namesake of the Black Forest is a luscious standby, but given the locale, something called "strawberry yogurt cream cake" is difficult to resist. Then there are German specialties with puzzling names, such as the *Schwimmbadtorte*, literally "swimming pool cake." For those who skipped lunch, a small selection of pre-dessert selections is offered too.

If the weather is sunny, you may choose to enjoy your treat at a table outside. A second barn is nearby, and the residents often poke their heads out to do a little people-watching. Children can stroke soft baby calves and see the farm's free-range chickens.

Afterward, strike off to explore the grounds, work off that giant piece of *Torte* by hitting the hiking and biking trails, or circle the duck-filled pond.

The Cow Café is located in Illkofen, a tiny town near Hardt, off the Beratzhausen exit on Autobahn 3. Simply follow the signs with the drawing of a cow. Get there when it opens at 1:30 p.m. to score a seat beside the window upstairs or call 09492-902200 for a reservation.

For more information, log on to www.kuhstallcafe.de.

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Because most Germans "clean" their plates, be prepared for concerned questions if you do not eat all of your meal. It is perfectly acceptable to request that leftovers be boxed or wrapped up to take home by asking, "*Kann ich das bitte mitnehmen?*" ("May I please take this with me?"). Do not attempt the translation for "doggy bag," which might be perceived as meaning that you thought the food fit only for a dog. If your meal included a bone and you wish to take that home for your pet, however, the host will be quite understanding.

In a German restaurant, the waitress will not bring your

check until you ask for it. She will continue to inquire whether you would like anything else, implying that you should feel free to stay as long as you like. The first time I went to an American restaurant, I was shocked when the bill was placed on our table without our having requested it, because in Germany, this would be on a par with being ejected from the premises.

Tips are optional, as German waitresses are adequately paid without relying on gratuities. One will, however, be happily received, should you choose to reward excellent service.

Local restaurants are busiest on Friday and Saturday

evenings and at lunchtime on Sundays, when the traditional roasts with dumplings are served. Although reservations are not always required, making them is wise if your party will include six or more, or if you plan to eat outside of the regular meal times.

It is also a good idea to look up words for foods you do not like, so that you can spot them on a menu. Some German specialties, such as *Sauere Lunge* ("sour lungs"), *gebackenes Kalbshirn* ("baked calves brains") and *Leberknoedel* ("liver dumplings") are generally considered acquired tastes.

Off post

- Sulzbach-Rosenberg will host a festival of classical music; the following performances will be at the *Berufsfachschule für Musik*, Konrad-Mayer-Str. 2: Aug. 16, 8 p.m., selections by Mozart, Schubert and Shostakovich on piano, violin and cello; Aug. 19 and 25, 8 p.m., youth on strings and piano; Aug. 21, 7 p.m., Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, Poulenc and Dvorak by quintet; and Aug. 24, 8 p.m., cello recital. For the final concert, Aug. 27, 8 p.m., at Christus Church, Neustadt 3, the city orchestra will play works by Handel, Verrall, Holst and Haydn. Tickets to each are 15 euros.
- Active-duty personnel, Reservists, National Guardsmen and their families (up to three direct dependents) are eligible for a free day's admission to any of the Anheuser-Busch theme parks – Sesame Place, Busch Gardens and Sea World – through Dec. 31. Register at www.herosalute.com or any of the locations and present a military ID card. Dependents may take advantage of the offer without their servicemember, but an adult must accompany minors.

Clubs and organizations

The U.S. Army Europe Finance Regimental Ball is set for Aug. 26 at the Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Cocktails will be served at 5:30, and a buffet dinner will begin at 7. Dress is Army formal attire or the civilian equivalent. Tickets are \$25, and reservations must be made by Aug. 16.



Photo by Alice Adler

Wanted: thrifty women

With all the summertime turnover, local thrift shops have part-time paid positions available, and volunteers are always needed. The shops also serve as places to consign unwanted items before moving – as Cheryl Pacheco of the Hohenfels Thrift Shop (right) helps Nina Young do above – and proceeds fund scholarships and other community causes. For more information about job opportunities, call 475-6181, 476-2649 or 466-2798.

Contact Jannie Bringman, DSN 379-5100, 06202-80-5100 or jannie.bringman@266fc.army.mil, or Capt. Michelle Williams, DSN 379-5105, 06202-80-5105 or michelle.williams@266fc.army.mil.

Chapels

Hohenfels will host Vacation Bible School Aug. 22 to 26, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Nainhof Chapel. This year, four-year-olds through beginning sixth-graders are invited on a

spiritual trek through the Serengeti for children of all faiths. Volunteers are also welcome. For more information, call Kathy Elmore, 09498-90-5046, or Candace Perryman, 09493-95-1360.

Arts and Crafts

Fashion a jacket, hat and bib for baby from fleece Aug. 26, 5 to 7 p.m. The fee is \$7.50 plus supplies. Quilters can begin a patriotic project Sept. 1, 6 to 8 p.m., and finish it over the next six months. For more details, or to register for either class, call the Grafenwoehr Arts and Crafts Center at 475-6101.

Trips and Tours

Grafenwoehr and Vilseck

- Take a guided tour of Berlin, seeing the Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Brandenburg Gate, before being turned loose on the city. The fee is \$49 for adults and \$39 for children ages 3 to 12. Sign up by Aug. 25.
- Spend Labor Day weekend in Vienna, Austria, Sept. 2 to 5. The fee of \$249 per adult and \$155 per child includes three nights' accommodation and breakfasts. Reservations and \$50 deposits are due Aug. 18.

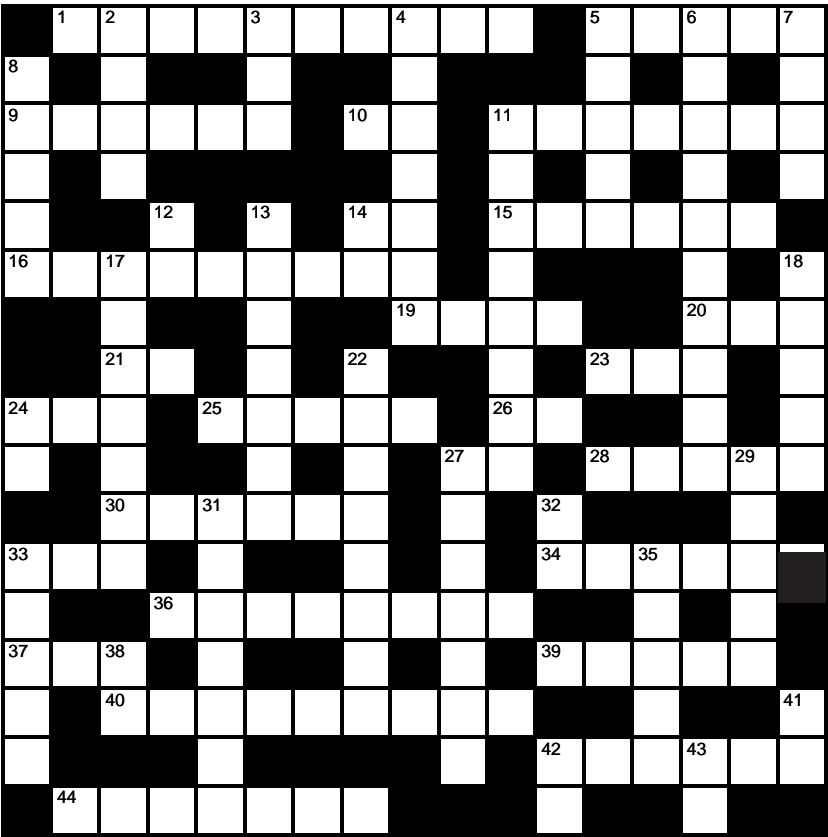
For more information about the above outings, call Information, Tickets and Reservations at 475-7402 or 476-2295.

Hohenfels

Tour Adolf Hitler's bunker below the Eagle's Nest in Berchtesgaden, Germany, Aug. 27. The fee is \$45 to \$50. Call ITR at 466-2060/2555 for details.

Crossword

As back-to-school preparations begin in earnest, recollect those autumnal days gone by with a literary puzzle stacked with classics



Editor's note: Answers for authors are surnames, unless otherwise specified.

Across

1 Adumbrate
5 Samuel Beckett's characters waited for him
9 Chronicled *Little*

Women

10 Literary hero Cyrano ____ Bergerac
11 Penned epic poem *The Faerie Queene*
14 "The writer's only responsibility ____ to his art. He will be completely ruthless if he ____ a

good one." — William Faulkner (one word)
15 Author of *The Sea Wolf*
16 *The Scarlet Letter* written by him
19 Tolkien's trilogy
20 Done by National Book Award nominees, e.g.

21 "____ I walked through the wilderness of this world ..." opening phrase of John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*
23 ____ *Miserables* by Victor Hugo
24 Sylvia Plath's was Bell-shaped
25 His *Babbitt* satire of small-mindedness
26 ____ Forster, English novelist
27 James Hilton's *Goodbye, ____ Chips*
28 *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* his semi-autobiographical account
30 Envisaged an *Animal Farm*
33 ____ *Quixote*, picaresque protagonist
34 Rhymes have it
36 Books' backs
37 Best bedtime stories make one ____ off
39 Volumes
40 Writer known affectionately as "Papa"
42 Wrote *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*
44 What Scott

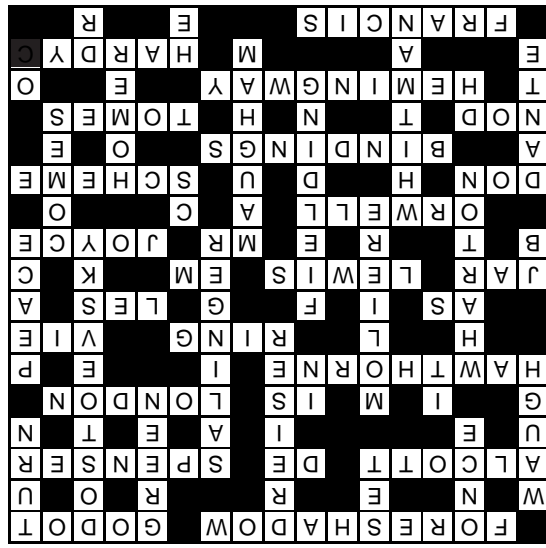
Fitzgerald's "F" stood for

Down

2 First word of many fairy tales
3 Establish place and time, as for a story
4 Author of *Sister Carrie*
5 Hue of Anne's *Gables*
6 Wrote *The Brothers Karamozov*
7 Henry James' *The ____ of the Screw*
8 Revisited *Brideshead*
11 Became reclusive after *The Catcher in the Rye*
12 "Mother died today. Or perhaps ____ was yesterday; I don't know." — first lines of Albert Camus' *The Stranger*
13 Pseudonym of famous French dramatist
14 "Man, unlike any other thing organic or inorganic ____ the universe, grows beyond his work" — beginning of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*

17 Authoress of *Ethan Frome*
18 One of two conditions recounted by Tolstoy
22 Created *Tom Jones*
24 Archibald MacLeish's Pulitzer Prize-winning play
27 Wrote *Of Human Bondage*
29 *Death ____ for the Archbishop*, by Willa Cather
31 Penned *Leaves of Grass*
32 ____ Lewis, chronicler of *Narnia*
33 Remembered for his *Inferno*

35 Wrote *The Illiad* and *The Odyssey*
38 ____ Lawrence, author of *Sons and Lovers*
41 Pen name ____ Henry synonymous with unexpected endings
42 "Someone must have traduced Joseph K., for without having done anything wrong ____ was arrested one fine morning." — opening sentence of *The Trial* by Franz Kafka
43 *Faustus*' title



3-58th Dragons smoke V Corps, take title

BY KATHY JORDAN
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

The Dragons of Company D, 3-58th Aviation, won the U.S. Army Europe unit-level softball championships, a double-elimination tournament in Grafenwoehr Aug. 4 to 7.

The Grafenwoehr team fought their way out of the losers' bracket to face the undefeated V Corps and become the first champions from the 100th Area Support Group since 2002, when Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment, of Vilseck took home the title.

The Dragons played nine times during the tourney. They beat Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, 16-10, Aug. 4 but lost to the European Command, 16-15, Aug. 5. This defeat sent them into the losers' bracket, where they turned the day around with a 12-5 victory over Special Operations Command Europe.

This began their winning streak. On Aug. 6, they trounced USA NATO, 14-6, before besting Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-26th Infantry, 20-18. Finally, in a rematch against Landstuhl, they repeated their success, 23-18.

On the last day of the tournament, only Company C, 1-77th Armor, stood between the Dragons and a chance at the championship. After winning 9-8, they would challenge the V Corps squad, who



Photo by Kathy Jordan

U.S. Army Europe unit-level softball champions are (front) Charles Lewis, (left to right, middle) Nathan Newberry, Chad Gerau, Robert Hickox, Lacallur Mack, (back row) Joshua Aucoin, William Mullens, Masuda Hosein, Darryl Phillips, Glynn Griffin, Kevin Jordan, Jim Mattingly of the Installation Management Agency-Europe sports office, Alex Collins, Miguel Martinez, Andrew Marshall, Joel Alicea and Douglas Drew, of Company D, 3-58th Aviation, from Grafenwoehr.

it seemed could do no wrong – until the Dragons dispatched them, 9-4. For the title, however, they would have to do it twice.

Throughout the ultimate game, rain fell, and the score remained close. In the third inning, it was 1-1, which had inched to 2-2 by the end of the sixth. V Corps batted at the top of the seventh,

making a run that put them ahead by one point, but the Dragons seized their final chance at the bottom of the inning. Their lead batter, Charles Lewis, and his teammate Robert Hickox were on base with two outs, when Kevin Jordan stepped up to the plate. He hit a fastball over the shortstop's head, allowing Lewis to get home

easily, but it was Hickox's gutsy slide right past the catcher that broke the tie and became the winning run. Final score: 4-3.

For his efforts on the field, Hickox was named most valuable player, and Lewis received an honorable mention.

"If it wasn't for my team, I couldn't do it," said Hickox.

"They got on base, I got them in, and First Sergeant Jordan hit me in at the end of the game. [He] is just as much of an MVP as I am — just like the rest of the team."

Jim Mattingly of the Installation Management Agency-Europe sports office was buzzing with energy after the nail-biter.

"It doesn't get any better than the bottom of the seventh when two runs are scored," he said. "There was great camaraderie among all the players and great sportsmanship. The staff here does a great job. ...It was a wonderful event."

Tony Lee, chief of recreation and programming for the 100th ASG Morale, Welfare and Recreation office, echoed his excitement.

"Today just couldn't get any better," he raved. "In championship play, this is the type of game you look for, a game of this magnitude. [The] 3-58th [team] is known for doing things the hard way, but they prevailed."

"I'm proud of them. It is kind of tough for me, being overall director and not being able to root for teams," Lee admitted. "It's always that closeness when your home team wins. You are very proud of them, and I take my hat off to them."

He added that after the community-level softball tournament Aug. 18 to 21, future championships will be decided on the new fields.

Deadline for retirees' blood work nears

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Retiree Health Day is set for Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the clinic in Vilseck.

Those who wish to take full advantage of the services offered at the annual event should have blood drawn before Sept. 4. Available at the clinics in Grafenwoehr, Vilseck and Hohenfels, fasting blood tests require that a patient has ingested only

water for 12 hours beforehand.

During the fair, retirees and their family members can review these test results with a health-care provider, be screened for a range of medical conditions, have their teeth checked, attend a Tricare briefing or take classes in preventive medicine. Attendees should bring their medical records.

For more information, call 475-7140.

In brief

Season kickoff

Grafenwoehr will host the unit-level flag-football tournament Aug. 26 to 28.

The event is limited to eight teams, each having 14 members and two coaches who do not play. Deadline to sign up is Aug. 19. Entry is free, and trophies will be awarded.

Call 475-8361 or 476-2998 to register.

Storm brewing

The Hohenfels Hurricanes are warming up for their 15th season.

Open to youths ages 7 to 19, the swim team travels to meets throughout Germany, as well as in Spain and Italy.

Log on to www.hohenfels-hurricanes.org for more details, or e-mail Beth Hoeh, head

coach, at bethhoeh@yahoo.com.

Hohenfels: 'Leave gear here'

The Olympia Fitness Center and the post gym now have personal lockers available.

These will be assigned at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Active-duty personnel have priority at Olympia.

For more information, call 466-2741.

Closures

The physical-therapy clinic in Hohenfels will be closed Aug. 17, 22 and 26. Those who need evaluations and treatment should call 476-3322 for an appointment at the Vilseck facility, which will be closed Aug. 24. Both will observe organizational day on Aug. 19.

Basic anatomy of first-aid kit

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To be prepared for emergencies, a cache of assorted medical supplies should always be close at hand. Keep a first-aid kit at home, put another in your automobile and carry one during outdoor pursuits. Your office should have one as well; find out where it is.

First-aid kits can be a few bare-bones essentials or portable rivals to doctor's offices. Some have been designed for specific activities, such as hiking, bicycling, camping or boating. You can buy one at the Post Exchange or your local American Red Cross office, but you can also make your own.

Even if you opt to purchase a first-aid kit, make sure it has everything you might need. Add any personal medications, emergency phone numbers and other items your physician suggests. The following list is a good start:

✚ Adhesive tape;

- ✚ Antiseptic ointment;
- ✚ Band-Aids (assorted sizes);
- ✚ Blanket;
- ✚ Cold pack;
- ✚ Disposable gloves;
- ✚ Gauze rolls and sterile pads (assorted sizes);
- ✚ Hand-cleaner;
- ✚ Plastic bags;
- ✚ Scissors and tweezers;
- ✚ Flashlight and extra batteries;
- ✚ Triangular bandage; and
- ✚ Activated charcoal and syrup of ipecac (use only if instructed to do so by Poison Control Center).

Don't forget to check the kit regularly. Change the flashlight batteries, note expiration dates, and replace anything depleted or outdated.

Finally, remember that the contents of a first-aid kit can be dangerous in the hands of young children. Store it in a secure place out of their reach.

now showing

Unless otherwise noted, all cinemas are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and movies begin at 7 p.m. The Tower Theater in Grafenwoehr is closed on Wednesdays as well. Because schedules are subject to change, please telephone for verification.

Grafenwoehr, Camp Aachen (09641-83-6115) The theater does not regularly screen films because of its limited use by troops. Tune in to AFN Bavaria for announcements or phone the number above to hear a recording.	Sunday, Aug. 28 <i>The Perfect Man</i>	<i>Land of the Dead</i>
Grafenwoehr, Tower (09641-83-1790)	Vilseck, Mike Jurkewicz (09662-83-1790)	Hohenfels, General Patton (09472-83-1790)
Thursday, Aug. 18 <i>Stealth</i>	Wednesday, Aug. 17 <i>Stealth</i>	Wednesday, Aug. 17 <i>The Interpreter</i>
Friday, Aug. 19 <i>Crash</i>	Thursday, Aug. 18 <i>Crash</i>	Thursday, Aug. 18 <i>House of Wax</i>
Saturday, Aug. 20 <i>Mr. and Mrs. Smith</i>	Friday, Aug. 19 <i>The Honeymooners</i>	Friday, Aug. 19 <i>Dukes of Hazzard</i>
Sunday, Aug. 21 1 p.m. <i>The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D</i>	Saturday, Aug. 20 6:30 p.m. <i>The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D</i>	Saturday, Aug. 20 <i>XXX: State of the Union</i>
	9 p.m. <i>House of Wax</i>	Sunday, Aug. 21 <i>Dukes of Hazzard</i>
Thursday, Aug. 25 <i>Dukes of Hazzard</i>	Sunday, Aug. 21 <i>Mr. and Mrs. Smith</i>	Wednesday, Aug. 24 <i>The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D</i>
Friday, Aug. 26 <i>Mr. and Mrs. Smith</i>	Wednesday, Aug. 24 <i>Dukes of Hazzard</i>	Thursday, Aug. 25 <i>Monster in Law</i>
Saturday, Aug. 27 <i>Deuce Bigalow, European Gigolo</i>	Thursday, Aug. 25 <i>Mr. and Mrs. Smith</i>	Friday, Aug. 26 <i>Unleashed</i>
	Friday, Aug. 26 <i>Deuce Bigalow, European Gigolo</i>	Saturday, Aug. 27 <i>The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D</i>
	Saturday, Aug. 27 6:30 p.m. <i>Batman Begins</i>	Sunday, Aug. 28 1 p.m. <i>The Adventures of Shark Boy and Unleashed</i>
	9 p.m. <i>Land of the Dead</i>	
	Sunday, Aug. 28 1 p.m. <i>The Honeymooners</i>	

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Thandie Newton finds an unlikely hero in rogue LAPD officer Matt Dillion over the course of *Crash*.

Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D (PG)
Starring Taylor Dooley, Taylor Lautner, Cayden Boyd
A little boy who has created his own fantasy world to escape school bullies and tedious summer vacations joins his characters in their high-flying adventures.

Batman Begins (PG-13)
Starring Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson
The origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good are revealed in this prequel.

Crash (R)
Starring Don Cheadle, Sandra Bullock, Jennifer Esposito
Diving headlong into the diverse melting pot of post-9/11 Los Angeles, this urban drama tracks the volatile encounters of a multi-ethnic cast as its characters collide.

Deuce Bigalow, European Gigolo (R)
Starring Rob Schneider, Eddie Griffin, Jean Reno
The male "escort" works Europe in this sequel.

Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)
Starring Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott,

Jessica Simpson
The three cousins and their moonshine-making uncle save the family farm in this big-screen version of the hit television series.

The Honeymooners (PG-13)
Starring Cedric the Entertainer, Mike Epps, Regina Hall
The popular 1950s television show returns, as the irascible bus driver and his best friend devise a get-rich-quick scheme.

House of Wax (R)
Starring Elisha Cuthbert, Jon Abrahams, Brian Van Holt
In this recast of the 1953 horror classic, road-tripping collegians become stranded in a town filled with hideously lifelike sculptures.

The Interpreter (PG-13)
Starring Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, Catherine Keener
When an interpreter at the United Nations overhears an assassination's being plotted, she becomes caught in a web of subterfuge, recriminations and deadly secrets.

Land of the Dead (R)
Starring Simon Baker, Dennis Hopper, Asia Argento
Continuing the undying tradition of zombie movies, including *Night of the Living Dead*, *Dawn of the Dead* and *Day of the Dead*, this film portrays a world in which mankind has become the minority.

Monster-in-Law (PG-13)
Starring Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan
A woman finally finds the man of her dreams, only to discover that his mother is a complete nightmare.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG-13)
Starring Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Kerry Washington
A seemingly ordinary suburban couple is actually a duo of well-paid, highly efficient contract killers, each of whom has been hired to murder the other.



Hilary Duff goes shopping and decides that Chris Roth might be *The Perfect Man* for her single mother.

The Perfect Man (PG)
Starring Hilary Duff, Heather Locklear, Chris Noth
A teenager tired of moving whenever her mother suffers a messy breakup takes on the role of virtual boyfriend but must produce a real one when her "suitor" proves too charming.

Stealth (PG-13)
Starring Joshua Lucas, Jessica Biel, Jamie Foxx
A group of top fighter pilots must stop a rogue bomber before it starts a war.

Unleashed (R)
Starring Jet Li, Morgan Freeman, Bob Hoskins
In this psychological martial-arts film, a human "attack dog" for a powerful mobster escapes and finds compassion living with a blind piano tuner and his teenage stepdaughter.

XXX: State of the Union (PG-13)
Starring Ice Cube, Samuel L. Jackson, Scott Speedman
Fresh from his last successful recruitment in XXX, the renegade agent finds another new partner to help him track a dangerous military splinter group bent on overthrowing the U.S. government.

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